

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheet(s) of drawings include changes to Fig. 1 and Fig. 4. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-4, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-4. In Figure 1, reference numeral 40 has been changed to 42. In Figure 4, reference numerals 40 and 42 point to their respective elements.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets  
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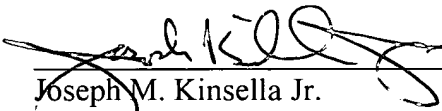
### CONCLUSION

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 226-1818 is respectfully invited.

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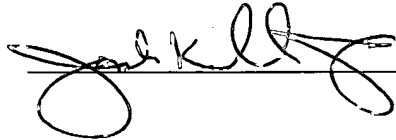
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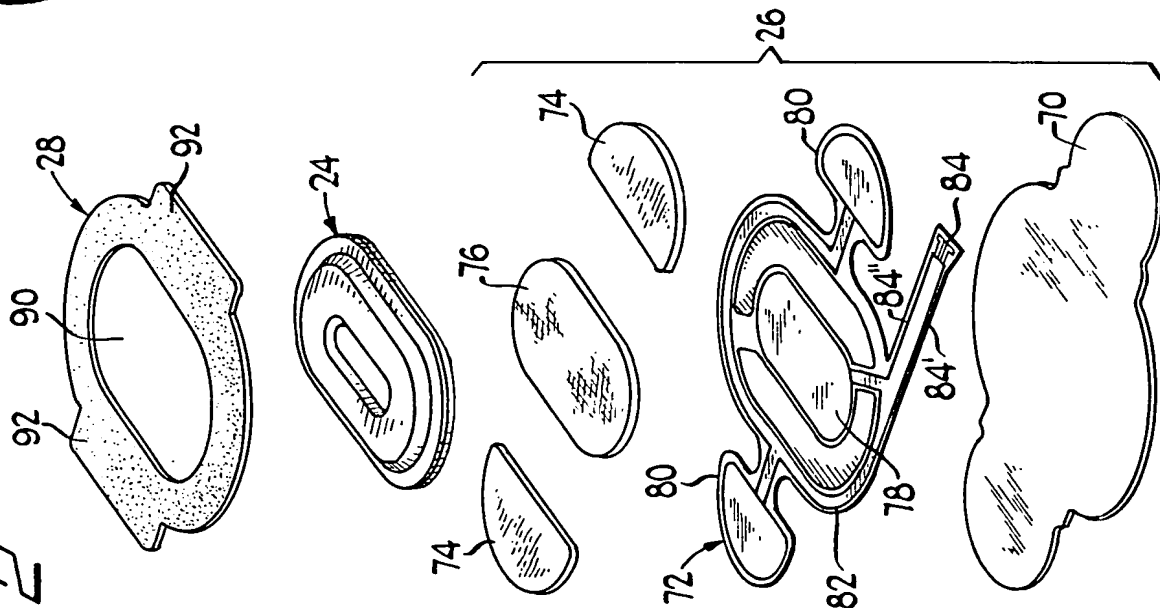
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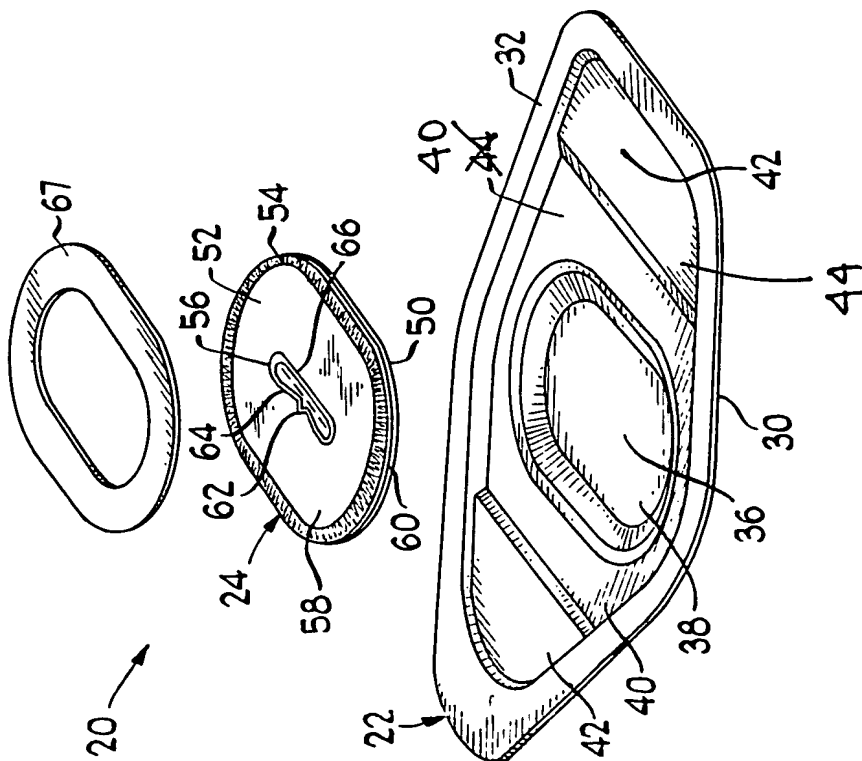
  
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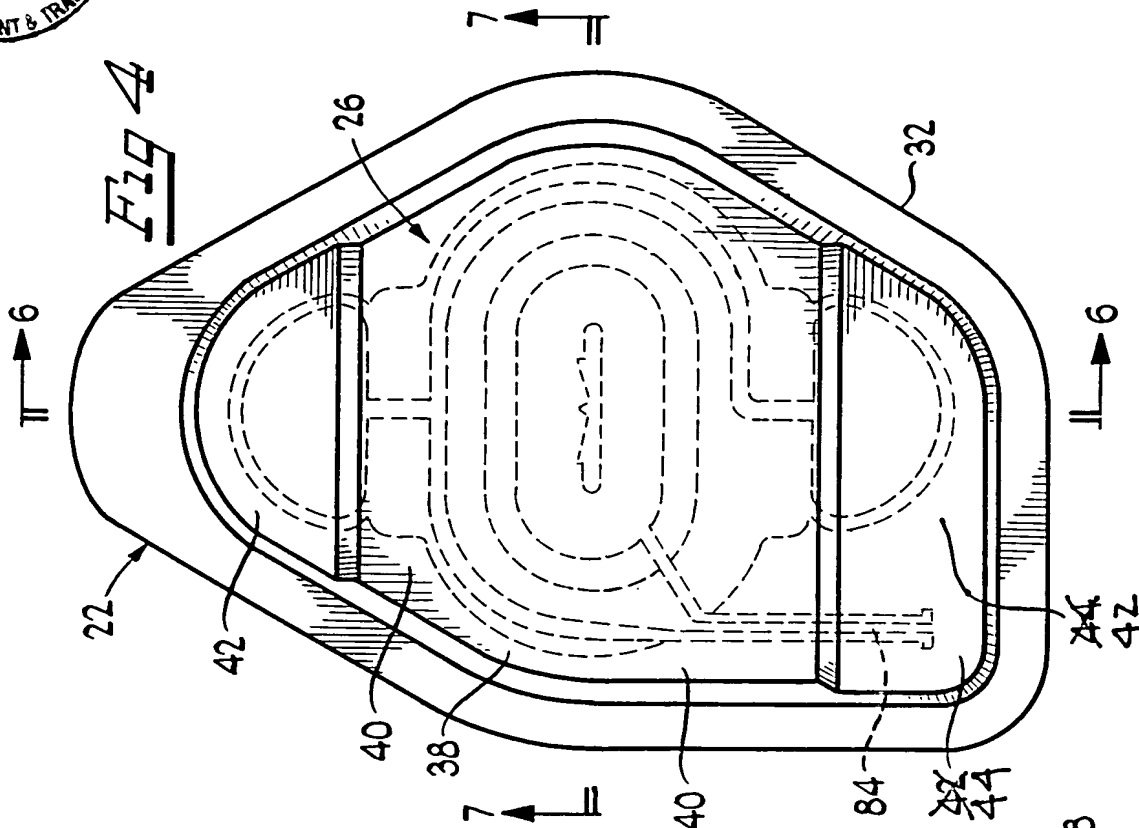
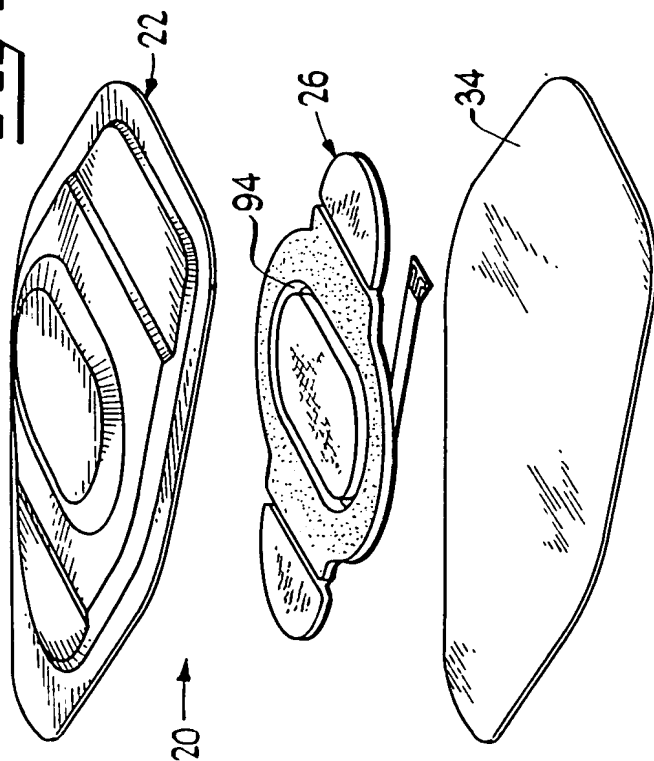
**Fig 2**



**Fig 1**



**Fig 3**



**Fig 5**

